
CONCLUSION.

BEFORE I take my farewell of my pretty little readers, they will permit me to make some general and perhaps useful remarks on a few of the incidents contained in this History of the Little Moralists.

When we compare the character of Master Simpson with that of Amintor and Florella, the pretty little shepherd and shepherdess of the Vale of Evelham, a very remarkable contrast strikes us. In Master Simpson we see the true child of fortune, who, like many others in the same situation, looked on poverty as a crime, and considered a shepherd and shepherdess

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shepherdess as beings of an inferior nature, and born only to promote his pleasure or convenience, without having any title or claim to the comforts or enjoyments of life.

On the other hand, though Fortune hath denied our Little Moralists an abundance of wealth, yet Nature seemed to have made ample amends, in giving them a genius, which it was not in the power of Fortune to purchase. And here, my sweet readers, let me observe to you, that if you will but be at the pains to examine into the different characters that present themselves to your observation, you will learn this very *useful and important* truth, that mortals are more upon a level than in general you are apt to imagine. Be not surprized, my pretty readers, that I should advance a matter that may, at first sight, appear to you beyond your comprehension; but as I wish to divest you of vulgar